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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF: JIDDA 5086 AND 5087

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO PRINCE FAHD MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS PROMPT AND POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE PLO AND JUMBLATT IN ARRANGING EVACUATION OF OUR CITIZENS FROM BEIRUT. WE WANT HIS HIGHNESS TO KNOW THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE RESPONSE HE HAS CONVEYED TO US, WE ARE NOW ASKING AMBASSADOR SEELY IN BEIRUT TO FOLLOW UP WITH DIRECT APPROACHES ON SATURDAY TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THERE AND THROUGH OUR SECURITY CONTACT WITH THE PLO. SEELYE WILL SAY THAT WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH THE EVACUATION ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, EITHER BY ROAD CONVOY TO DAMASCUS OR BY SEA. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER MEANS, HE WILL POINT OUT THAT SEA EVACUATION, AS WAS DONE LAST TIME, DOES NOT INVOLVE THE COOPERATION OF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PLO AND THAT THEREFORE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, OF THE

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KIND THE PLO HAS MENTIONED TO US AS COMPLICATING FACTORS,

ARE IRRELEVANT AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY US. WE WILL
KEEP OUR SAUDI FRIENDS INFORMED OF THE SITUATION AS IT
DEVELOPS AND MEANWHILE AGAIN THANK THEM FOR THE HELP THEY
HAVE ALREADY GIVEN US. ROBINSON

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